

# Crater Lake National Park Winter Backcountry Permits



World class winter camping with spectacular scenery, easy access, and challenging terrain await those who are skilled and prepared.





This presentation is not an instructional guide on how to winter camp and travel, which can be extremely risky, challenging, and much different than summer camping.



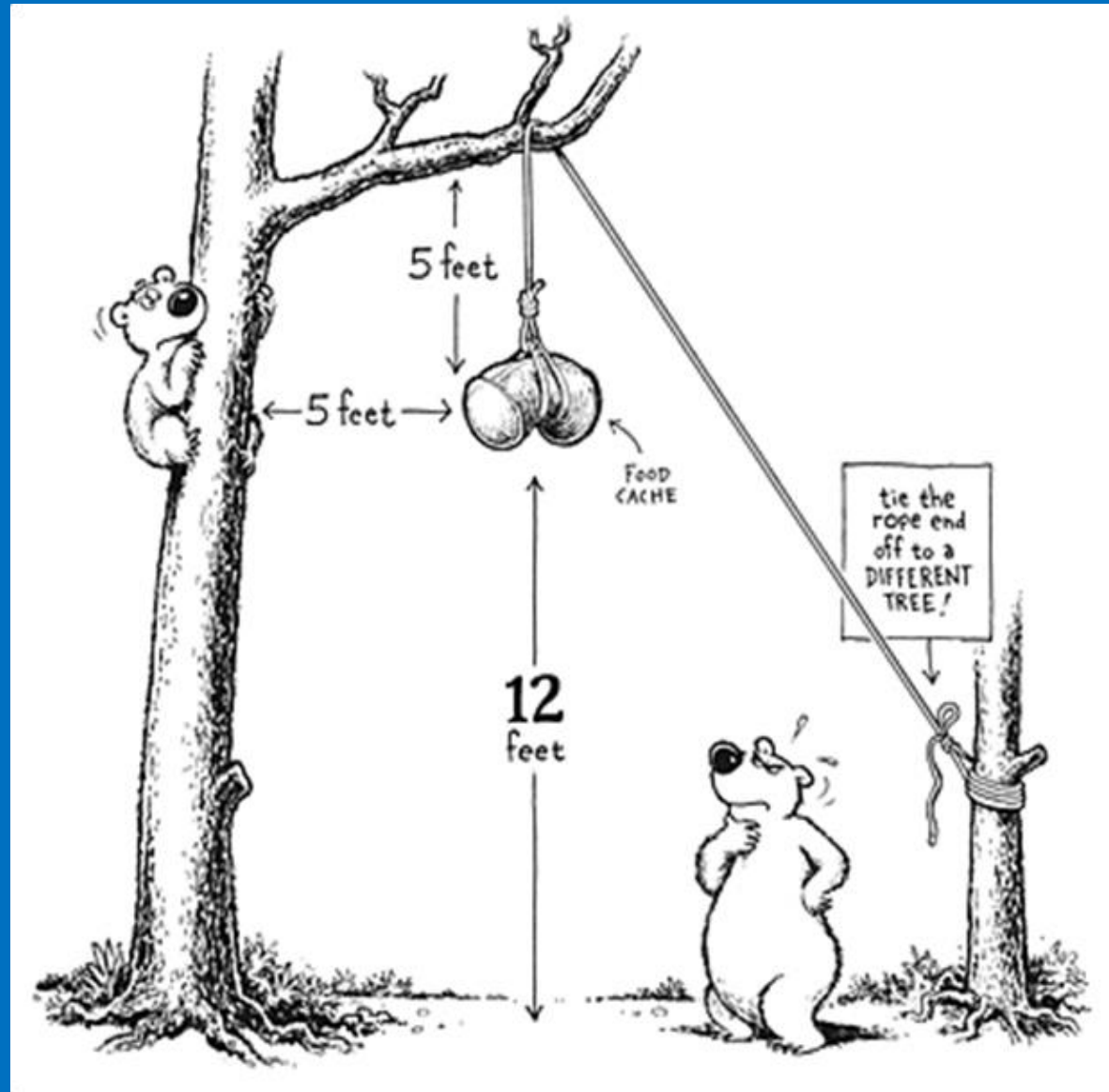


# Winter Camping Regulations

- ❑ No pets (except for the PCT)
- ❑ No camping within 100' of a meadow or grassland (unless there is over 1 foot of snow covering)
  - ❑ No bikes
  - ❑ No motorized vehicles
- ❑ Campfires allowed below 6900 feet (most of the Caldera Rim is above 6900 = no fires)
  - ❑ Use dead and down wood only
  - ❑ Pack out TP, bury waste

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❑ Food must be stored overnight in a bear canister, bear locker, or hanging in a tree





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- ❑ Pulks, “pigs”, and sleds are allowed, and common to carry large loads for winter camping



# Dispersed Camping Regulations

\* There are no designated winter camping sites, you may camp where you wish if you follow all of the below criteria:

- ❑ Campers must be at least one mile from plowed roads and the developed area on the Rim and the Headquarters Area.
- ❑ Campers must be out of sight of the ski trail and other campers (select a spot in the trees or behind rocks so day-users on the ski trail can't see your camp).
- ❑ Campers must be at least 100 feet away from the caldera rim.
- ❑ No Camping within a 100' of a meadow or grassland, unless there is one foot of snow covering the ground.

Select a spot in the trees or behind rocks so day-users on the ski trail can't see your camp.



Remember your camp must be 100 feet away from the rim of the caldera

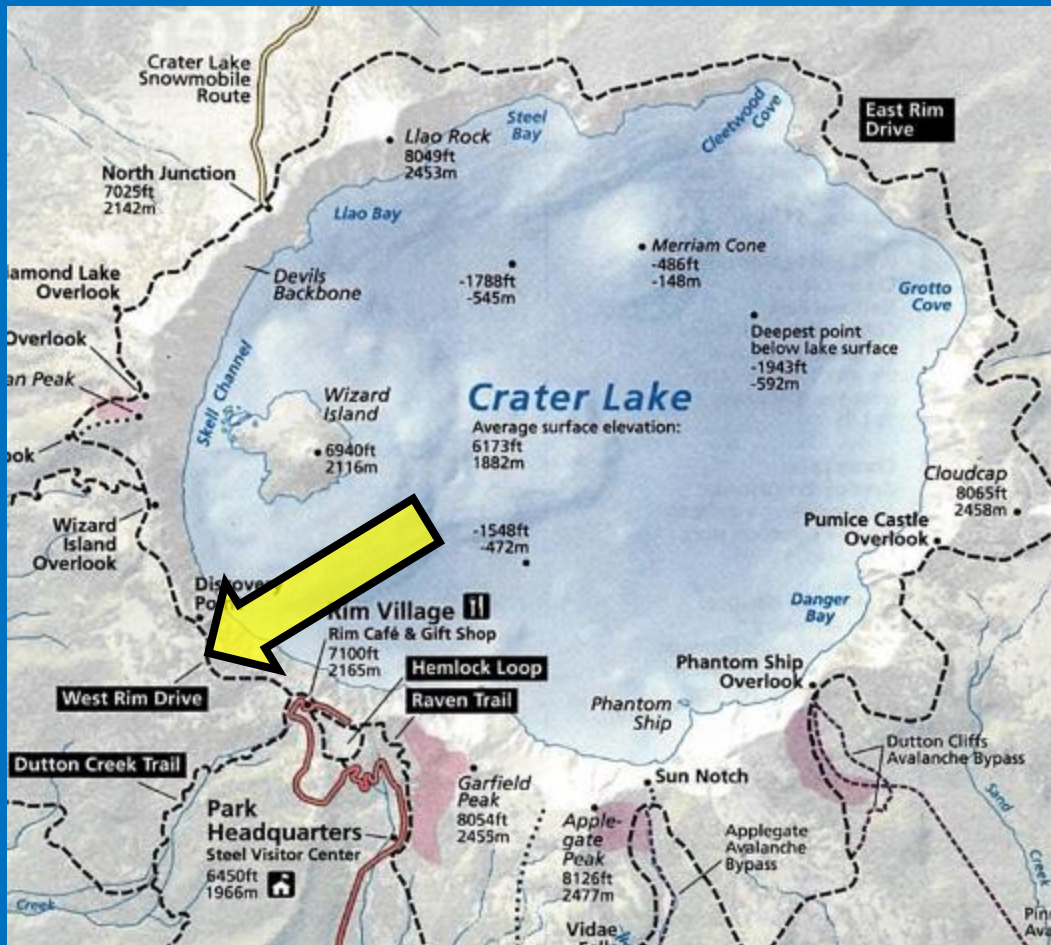


# CLOSED AREAS



- \* No hiking, skiing, snowshoeing or traveling *inside* the caldera.
- \* Camping is prohibited *inside* (below) the rim of the caldera.

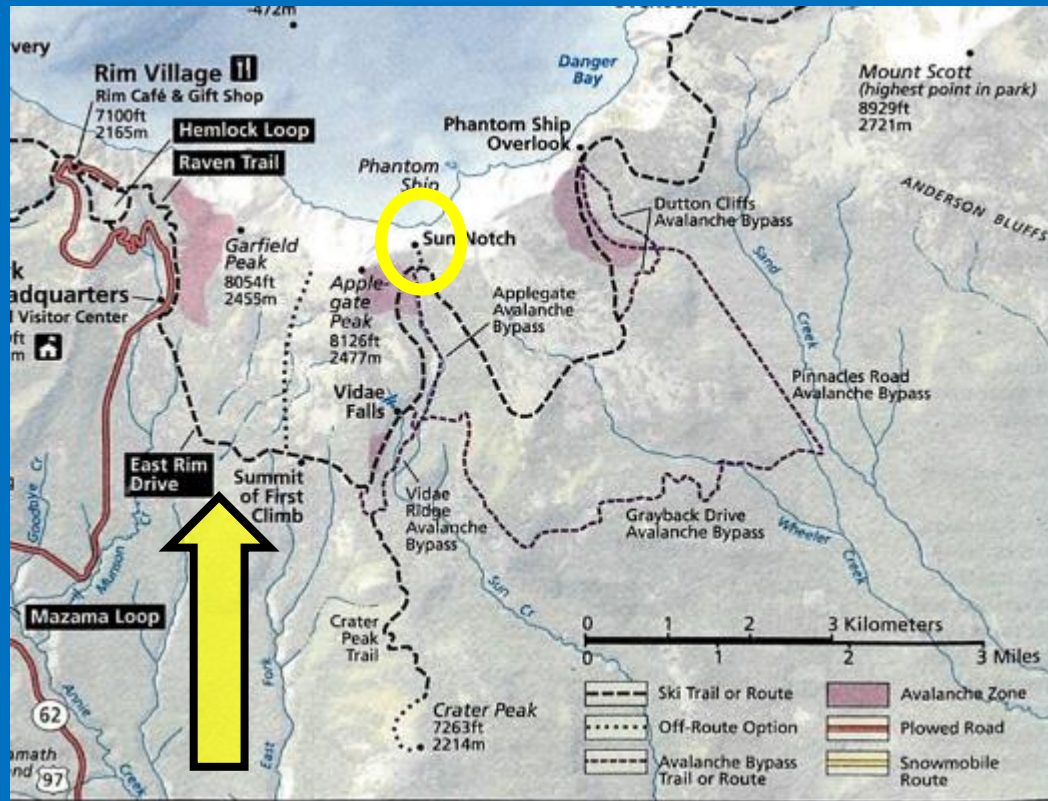
# Suggested Camping/Travel Areas



- ❑ Most backcountry campers use the West Rim Road for spectacular camping with views of the lake.
- ❑ Mostly easy, flat terrain with one avalanche zone.
- ❑ Most go out and back for one or more nights

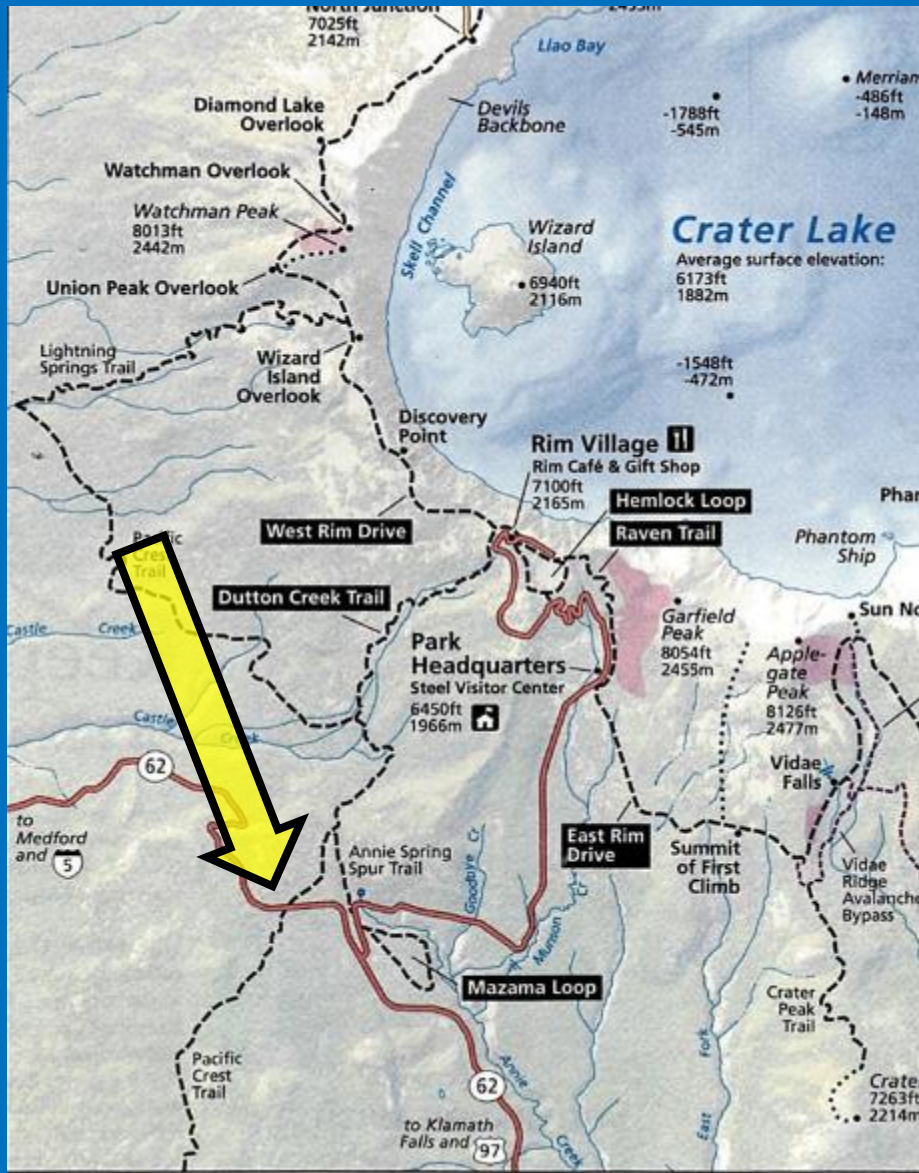


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- ❑ With poor weather, some will use the lower and sheltered East Rim Road.
- ❑ No views of the lake until Sun Notch.
- ❑ Moderate terrain with elevation gain and multiple avalanche zones.

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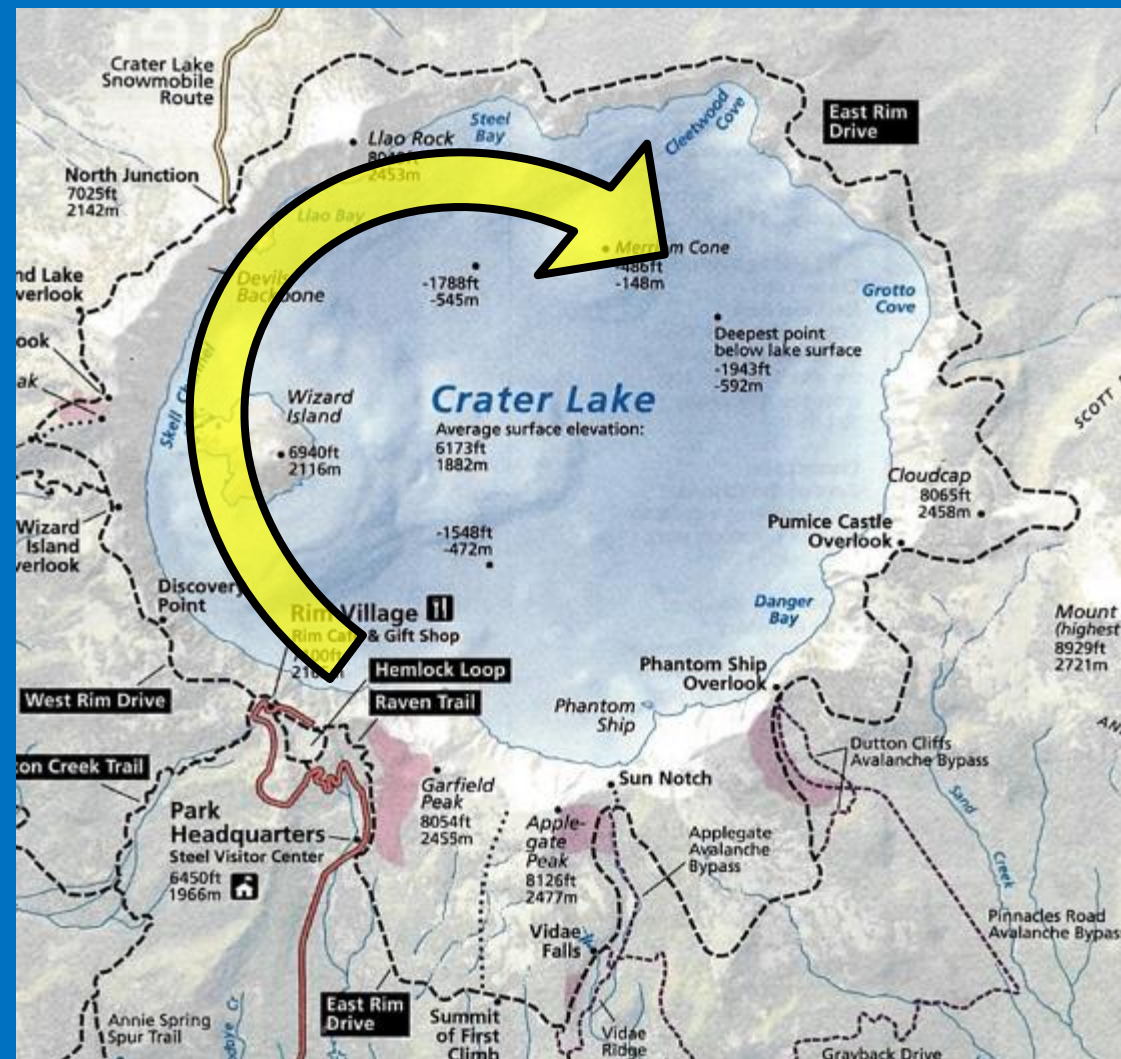


- ☐ Using the PCT, either north or south, is possible.
- ☐ Moderate terrain
- ☐ No lake views
- ☐ Dogs are allowed on leash.

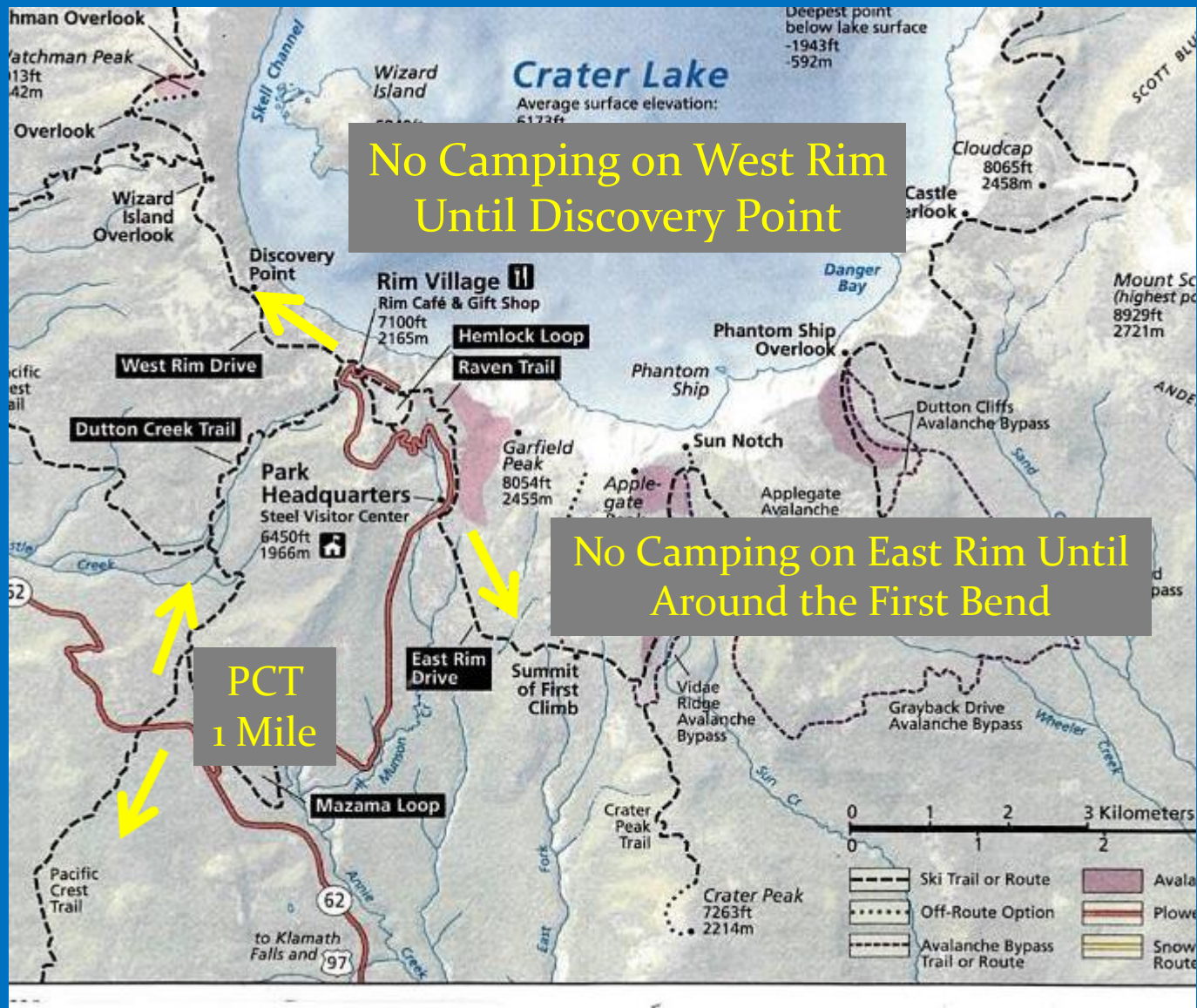


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- ❑ Some will attempt the wonderful, but challenging trip around the lake
- ❑ Most travel clockwise and take two or three nights with good weather and conditions
- ❑ Challenging terrain and multiple avalanche zones



Whichever trail you choose you must be one mile from the plowed road





# Parking

There is one places to park your vehicle overnight.

2) parking area is at Park HQ, between the Visitor Center and the Ranger Station on the South side of the road.

